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Examiner: A. Kalinowski

For: METHODS FOR MANAGING
INFECTION RISK INCIDENT TO
SURGICAL PROCEDURES IN
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
ENVIRONMENTS

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.105

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004, the information as identified on PTO Form 1449 and attached is provided. This Response is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Remarks

The Examiner has made a request under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide "any known publications, brochures, manuals, and press releases that describe the Infection Control service or related services that were described by the articles." The Examiner requires the information to "identify products and/or services embodying the disclosed subject matter."

In response, Applicants have provided a brochure describing the 3M Sterilization Assurance Program entitled "Much More About Sterilization Process Monitoring than you ever thought possible," and "3M Sterilization Assurance Full Line Catalog."

In addition, Applicants have provided two brochures entitled "Reducing the Risk of Surgical Site Infections" and "Prevention of Surgical Site Infections."

Other materials that may contain similar information are not known or readily obtainable by the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,



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